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MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US SHRIMP VESSELS QUEEN SHRIMP AND MISS
CARRIE II

1. BRAZILIAN NAVY OFFICIALS TODAY INFORMED CONSUL THAT ON FEBRUARY 24, BRAZILIAN NAVY CAPTURED TWO US SHRIMP VESSELS SHRIMPING IN VIOLATION OF THE US-BRAZILIAN SHRIMP AGREEMENT. US VESSELS QUEEN SHRIMP, UB-216 WAS APPREHENDED AT 11:20 A.M. FEB 24 AT COORDINATES 03 DEGREES 47 MINUTES NORTH, 50 DEGREES 17 MINUTES WEST. MISS CARRIE II WAS CAPTURED AT 14:10 PM FEB 24 AT COORDINATES 03 DEGREES 36 MINUTES NORTH, 50 DEGREES, 06 MINUTES WEST. BOATS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BELEM ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27. IF BOATS ARRIVE FRIDAY FINE EXPECTED TO BE US\$2000 PER BOAT FOR TOTAL OF US \$4000. WILL PROBABLY BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF BOATS ON FRIDAY IF \$4000 FOR PAYMENT OF FINE IS AVAILABLE. IF MONEY IS NOT AVAILABLE FRIDAY RELEASE WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY (MARCH 3) DUE TO CARNIVAL.

2. CONSUL SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT OWNERS OF BOATS
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IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM THEM OF SEIZURE AND OF ESTIMATED FINE.

DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO OWNERS OF BOATS THAT THEY ARRANGE WITH BORDEN'S BELEM SUBSIDIARY, PROPESPA, TO ACT AS THEIR AGENT IN BELEM FOR PAYING FINE AND ACCEPTING RELEASED BOATS.

3. CONSUL HAS LEARNED THAT ON WEEKEND OF FEB 14. AND 15 BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE PLANES ON PATROL SIGHTED TWO US SHRIMP VESSELS--SHRIMP QUEEN AND CAYENNE SARITA--SHRIMPING IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT. US VESSELS WERE NOT SEIZED BECAUSE PLANE ALSO SIGHTED A VENEZUELAN VESSEL SHRIMPING ILLEGALLY AND NAVY DECIDED TO GO AFTER VENEZUELAN BOAT. VENEZUELAN BOAT WAS CAPTURED AND BROUGHT TO BELEM. GOB HAS NO SHRIMP AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA SO BOAT WAS CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF BRAZILIAN DOMESTIC LAW. CONSUL HAS NO INFORMATION ON WHETHER BOAT HAS BEEN RELEASED OR IF IT IS STILL CUSTODY OF BRAZILIAN NAVY.
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